First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

March 5, 2023
10:00 am

“Bold Blessing”
Second Sunday in Lent

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

HYBRID WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:40 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
Robert Lowry/Annie Hawks

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today—the first Sunday of the month--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in this month by singing "Happy Birthday**." We are not aware of any birthdays in March; if you have a birthday this month, let us know so we can sing to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is Donna Eyster.
  - The Zoom Greeter is Ellie Gusman who will introduce folks participating in worship on Zoom.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service. Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing!**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Center of My Joy"
72 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive with microphone muted — **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: From the safety and comfort of home,
God called Abram to go from all he knew to embrace a future yet to be revealed.

People: "Go from" God says, and our hesitant hearts place
one foot in front of the other to trust God with the unknown.

Leader: By night, Nicodemus came seeking greater insight into the teachings
of God for the journey set before him.
Jesus called him out of the shadows and towards a life born anew.

People: "Go towards" God says, and a new life awaits us.
We reach towards a God who has not come to condemn the world
but to offer a salve that can heal all wounds.

Leader: We fear the unknown and that which we lack in understanding.
"How can this be?" we proclaim with Nicodemus. And yet,

God's call is one that urges us to go with our whole self into that unknowing, trusting that God will provide a way.

All: Love calls us forth into lives of transformation, born anew into new paths of faith. Though we do not know where we are going, God has promised to never leave us alone. Let us worship the One who will show us the way.

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"The God of Abraham Praise"
"Yigdal Elohim Chai"
24 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Genesis 12:1-4a** **DONNA EYSTER**
Psalm 121

SECOND READING **John 3:1-17** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"God Our Author and Creator"
530 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Bold Blessing"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

**God of calls and courage, you draw us towards your loving embrace,
even as we face what seems like impossibility.
We experience heartache and grief, injustice and cruelty, fear and anxiety
as daily teachers on this path of faith.
As you call us to go into an uncertain and unknown future,
O God, grant us the courage to let go of all we have known
so we can take hold of the new life you are bringing about even now.
Though we may not know where we are going, God,
your way is revealed moment by moment, step by step, and breath by breath.
We pray in the name of the One who so loves the world.
Amen.**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

Gracious and Giving God, you have called us to give of our resources so others may experience the new life you are inviting us into. Let our gifts be for the birthing of new life in our local community, in the global community, and in our faith community.
In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

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PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"To God Be the Glory"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
William H. Doane/Fanny Grosby

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

O God who calls us to go out into the world with generosity,
may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey
that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world
in need of your healing.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Are People on a Journey"
"Somos pueblo qu camina"
340 NCH

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Praise to God, Your Praises Bring"
430 NCH

BENEDICTION (Responsive) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Friends, go forth with the courage of God to guide you
into those places of restlessness and uncertainty.
For we are called to go…
- From our places of comfort.
- From our certainties and complacency.
- From our old life and into the new.

People: May the call of God not just call us from, but call us toward,
a love so compelling we are willing to trust our whole selves
into the embrace of the Creator, into the abiding love of Christ,
and into the sacred dance of the Holy Spirit.
We go forth in the peace of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE **"Just As I Am"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
William B. Bradbury/Charlotte Elliot

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Donna Eyster, Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer
Joshua Catania, Guest Accompanist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

NEXT SATURDAY: A Hybrid (Zoom & In-Person) Celebration of Life for Daniel J. Long will be held on March 11 at 2:00 pm at 111 S. Wallace Blvd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (former Chapelle Elementary School) and via the church Zoom (Meeting ID 764 328 2234)**.** All are welcome.

Worship Next Week: Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown will be preaching. Thank you Dan, for bring your faith and love to our worship service. **Worship Leader, Tad Wysor; Greeters, Margaret Harner** (Roomie) and **Jeanette Sherrill** (Zoomie).

Running from Empty-Lenten Devotionals 2023 by the writers of *Still Speaking Writers Group* are available in either print or digital form. Print copies are on the table at the back of the sanctuary and a digital link is available by contacting Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Our next meeting is on March 6 at 7:00 pm on the church Zoom. Thanks for everyone's hard work and dedication! We are making significant progress. During this heavy lifting phase of our Community Discernment process, please remember to take time to rest, relax, play, contemplate, and pray.

On Monday night, Pastor Liz sent via email a summary of our community discernment work together to date on updating our Mission, Vision, and Values Statements. The PDF file contains the definitions/guidelines for creating effective Mission, Vision, and Values statements. The Word file contains folks' best practice submissions from individual website research and bullet point highlights capturing our group discussion. If anyone has more "best practice" examples of church Mission, Vision, and Values statements they would still like to share, please send those to Pastor Liz prior to the March 6 gathering.

Homework for March 6 includes doing a deep dive review of the content contained in these files and creating a concise 1-2 sentence "first rough draft" Mission Statement and a 1-2 sentence "first rough draft" Vision Statement for Ypsi UCC to share with the group. The goal is to write something down on paper as a starting point for additional conversation. If you can't attend on March 6, please send your "first rough draft" statements to Pastor Liz via email before March 6.

On March 6, we'll discuss these "first rough draft" Mission and Vision Statements and, as time allows, begin our "Appreciative Inquiry" process to identify the many positive qualities and attributes of our church life together. The Appreciative Inquiry process will help clarify all parts of the "Proximate Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" equation....but is especially helpful in identifying core values. Hope to see you there.

Due to the Monthly Worship Team Meeting schedule**, there will not be a Community Discernment Gathering held on Mar 13**, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, or Dec 11.)

"Engaging Christian Contemplation Practices" Vitality Grant seminar continues to meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through the UCC Southern New England Conference Center for Leadership Development. **Remaining dates are March 15** and **March 29**. We are learning new ways to relax into God's presence while trusting the Spirit to guide us in discerning God's Still Speaking voice.

On March 19th we will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Below is a story of one place where our OGHS offering makes a difference:

Hunger can be brought on by disasters, poverty, or conflict—but the experience of hunger to those who are hungry goes deeper. In a world where climate change disproportionately impacts places and people already struggling with food insecurity, now is the time to share—generously and creatively.

In Nueva Frontera (New Frontier) and other rural areas in the department of Santa Bárbara, Honduras, a new program is unfolding, and has already reached 500 families. Esmerelda Robles is a 27-year-old wife, mother, and farmer who lives in the Macuelizo region, and has benefitted greatly from the installation of an eco-stove which has significantly reduced the soot that previously covered her home. "Before, I had a permanent cough," Esmerelda says. "Now, with just a load of firewood, you cook, you don't need much (unlike the stove we had before), and it is very helpful for our lungs that there is no smoke."

Beyond this life-affirming aspect for individual families, the most important contribution of these eco-stoves is their individual significant reduction in the use of firewood. This is all part of the new frontier of innovative CWS programs developed with local partners, and supported by OCHS to improve food security while adapting to climate change.

Esmerelda has participated in training sessions on planting crops and producing fertilizer. She has received seeds which allowed her to grow most of the food her family eats and she is also able to sell or exchange her produce with neighbors.

March is Women's History Month: The National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, **"Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."**

From the earliest storytellers through pioneering journalists, our experiences have been captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers. These include authors, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers throughout time. Women have long been instrumental in passing on our heritage in word and in print to communicate the lessons of those who came before us. Women's stories, and the larger human story, expand our understanding and strengthen our connections with each other.

As in previous years, the Alliance, which is centered in Santa Rosa, California, will encourage local communities throughout the country to use the year's theme to guide their own celebrations. The NWHA will popularize national efforts through on-line celebrations, a special magazine and thematic products that recognize and honor these brave, accomplished and influential women who told – and continue to tell – our stories. Today and over the years ahead, their dedication and shared desire to give voice to the voiceless are critical to keeping us informed, entertained and aware.

From the National Women's History Alliance. Santa Rosa, CA

March 8th is International Women's History Day.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at

Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

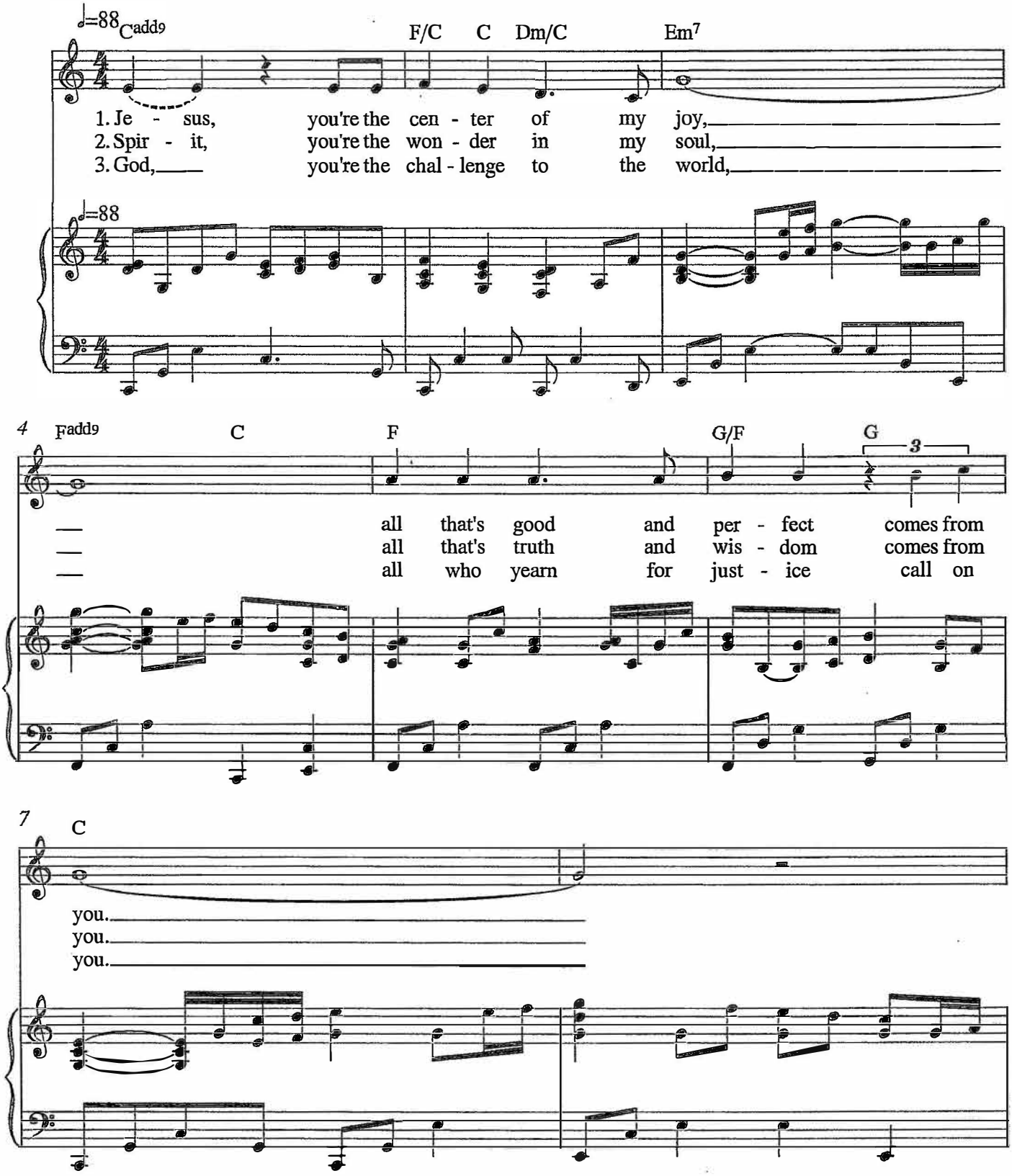
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Center of My Joy

♩=88 Cadd9 F/C C Dm/C Em7
1. Je - sus, you're the cen - ter of my joy,
2. Spir - it, you're the won - der in my soul,
3. God, you're the chal - lenge to the world,
♩=88
4 Fadd9 C F G/F G
all that's good and per - fect comes from
all that's truth and wis - dom comes from
all who yearn for just - ice call on
7 C
you.
you.
you.

Words (verse 1): Gloria Gaither Music: Richard Smallwood, William Gaither
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9 Gm C7

You're the heart of my con - tent - ment,
You're the One who stirs me for - ward,
You're the light that seeks the na - tions,

11 F B♭9

hope for all I do,
mys - ter - y of God.
moves them to your Word.

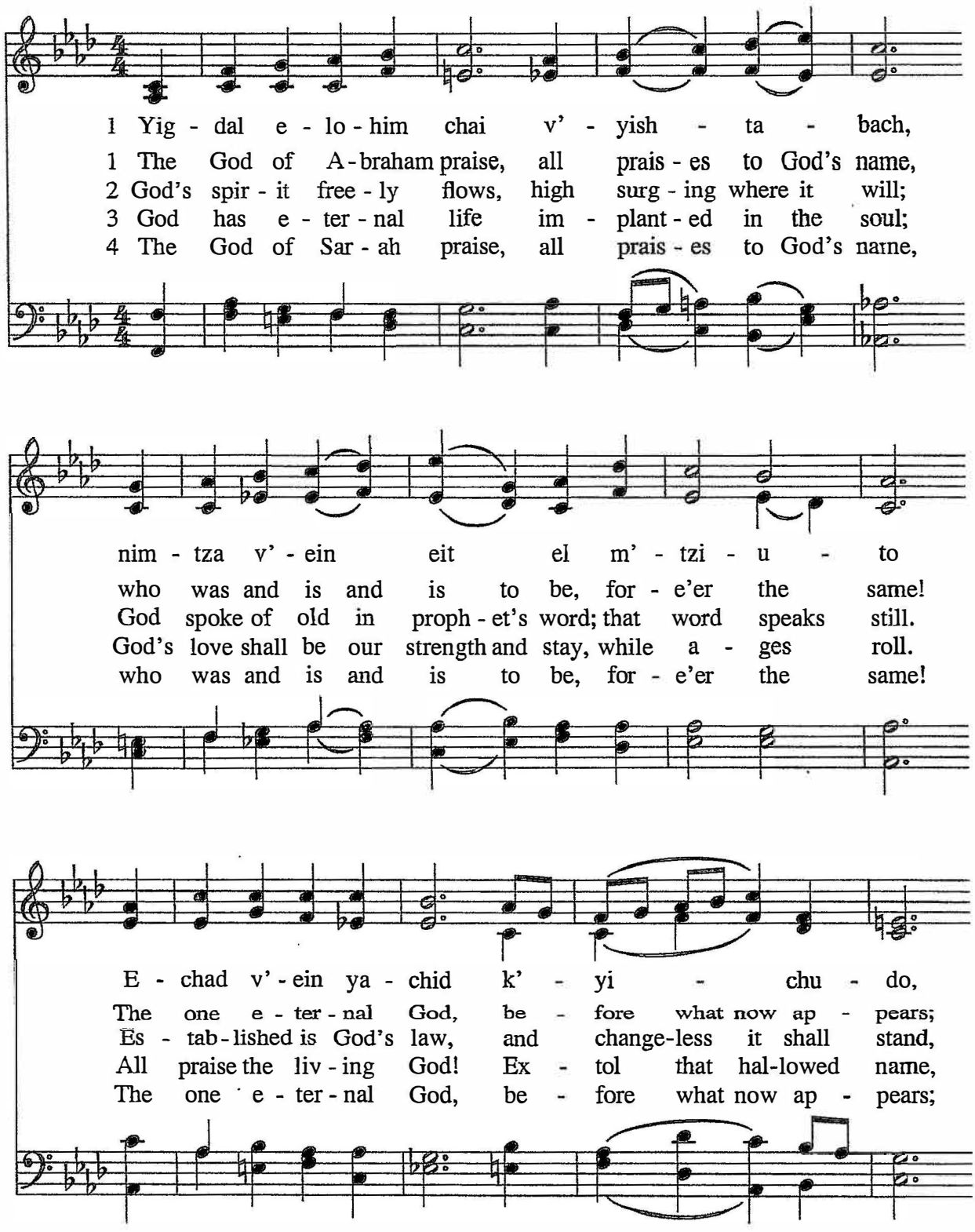
13 C/G Am Dm7 F/G C

Je - sus, you're the cen - ter of my joy.
Spir - it, you're the won - der of my soul.
God, you're the chal - lenge to the world.

24 Yigdal Elohim Chai
(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15–16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

Moses Maimonides, 12th century
Versification attrib. to Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400
Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1884; alt.


1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,
1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,
2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;
3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;
4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,
nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!
God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!
E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;
Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change-less it shall stand,
All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal-lowed name,
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;

The twelfth-century scholar Moses Maimonides drew up the thirteen articles of the Hebrew creed, which were subsequently cast in metrical form (the Yigdal*). This translation represents an ecumenical collaboration between Rabbi Landsberg and Unitarian minister Mann.*

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Traditional Yigdal melody
Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

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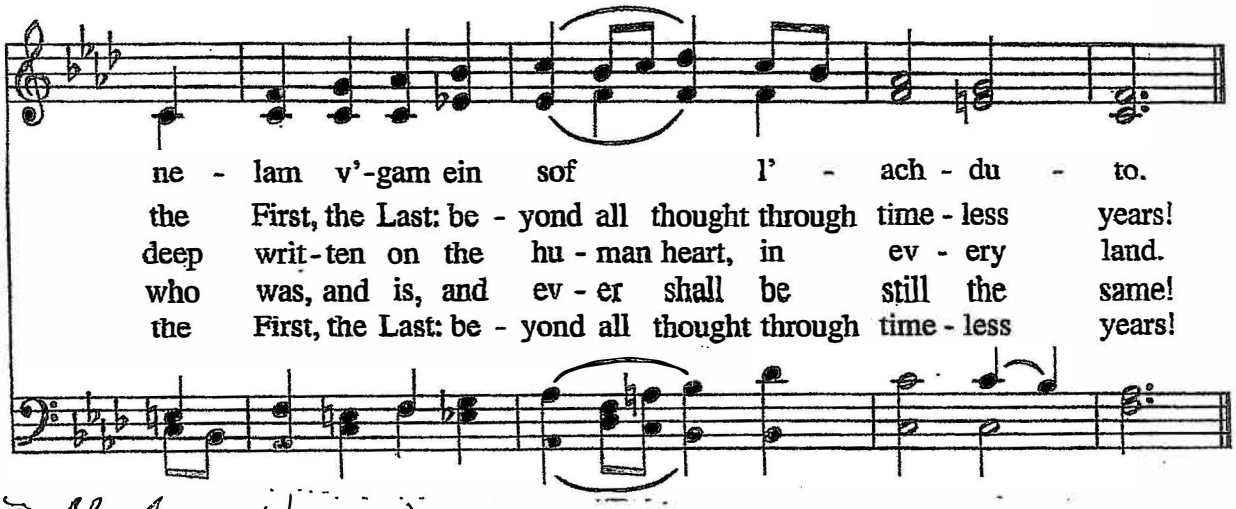
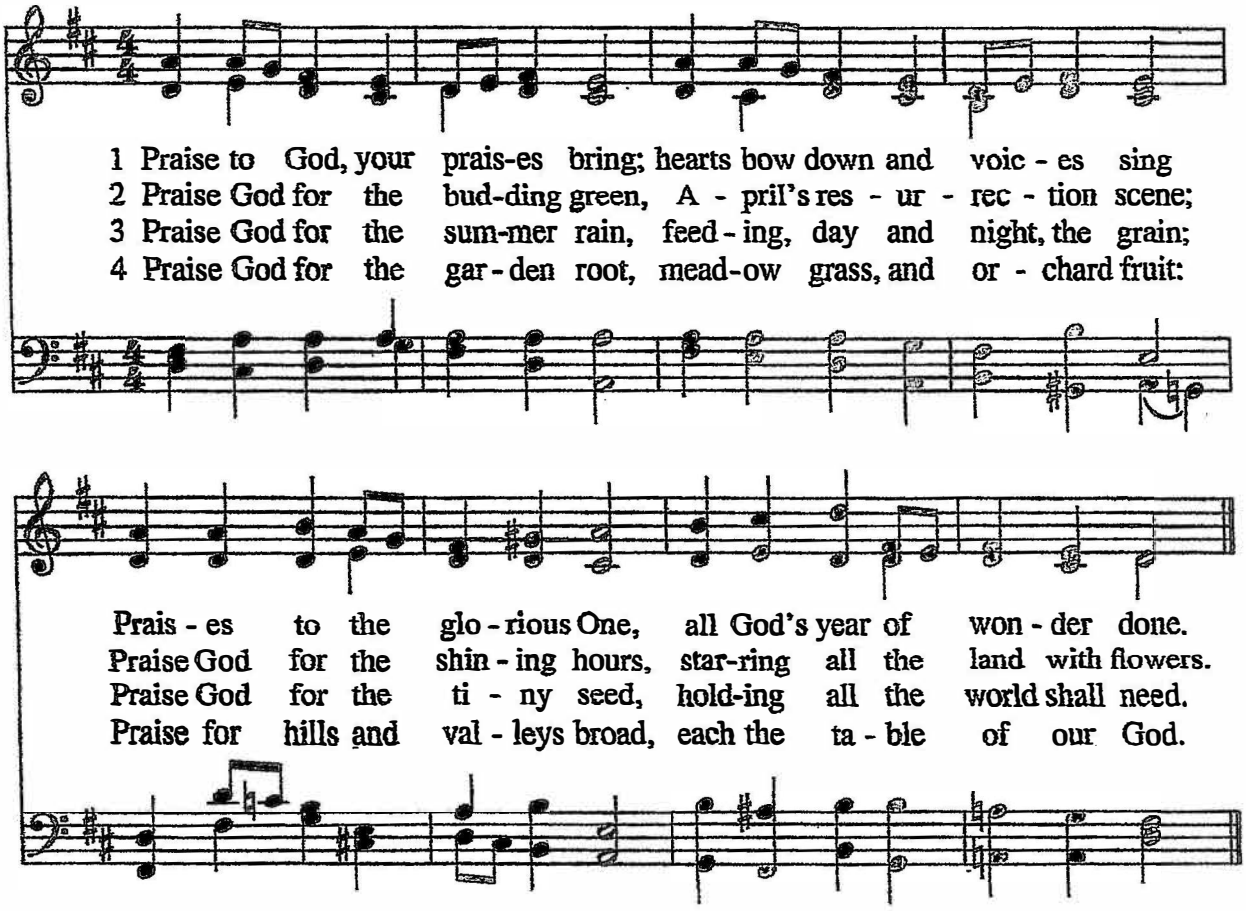

ne - lam v'-gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!
deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.
who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

→ The Final Hymn

Praise to God, Your Praises Bring 430

William C. Gannett, 1872; alt.

1 Praise to God, your prais-es bring; hearts bow down and voic - es sing
2 Praise God for the bud-ding green, A - pril's res - ur - rec - tion scene;
3 Praise God for the sum-mer rain, feed - ing, day and night, the grain;
4 Praise God for the gar - den root, mead-ow grass, and or - chard fruit:
Prais - es to the glo - rious One, all God's year of won - der done.
Praise God for the shin - ing hours, star-ring all the land with flowers.
Praise God for the ti - ny seed, hold-ing all the world shall need.
Praise for hills and val - leys broad, each the ta - ble of our God.

5 Praise God for the win-ter's rest,
snow that falls on na-ture's breast;
Praise for hap-py dreams of birth,
brood-ing in the qui-et earth.

6 For God's year of won-der done,
praise to the all-glo-rious One!
Hearts bow down and voic-es raise
songs of thanks for all God's days.

Most of William C. Gannett's hymns were written for special occasions, including this one for a harvest festival in St. Paul, Minnesota. Gannett and Frederick L. Hosmer, both Unitarian ministers, edited The Thought of God in Hymns and Poems.

Tune: SAVANNAH 7.7.7.7.
The Foundery Collection, *1742*

God Our Author and Creator 530

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985 *Gen. 1:1–2:3; Acts 17:22–31; Rom. 12:2; John 3:16–17*

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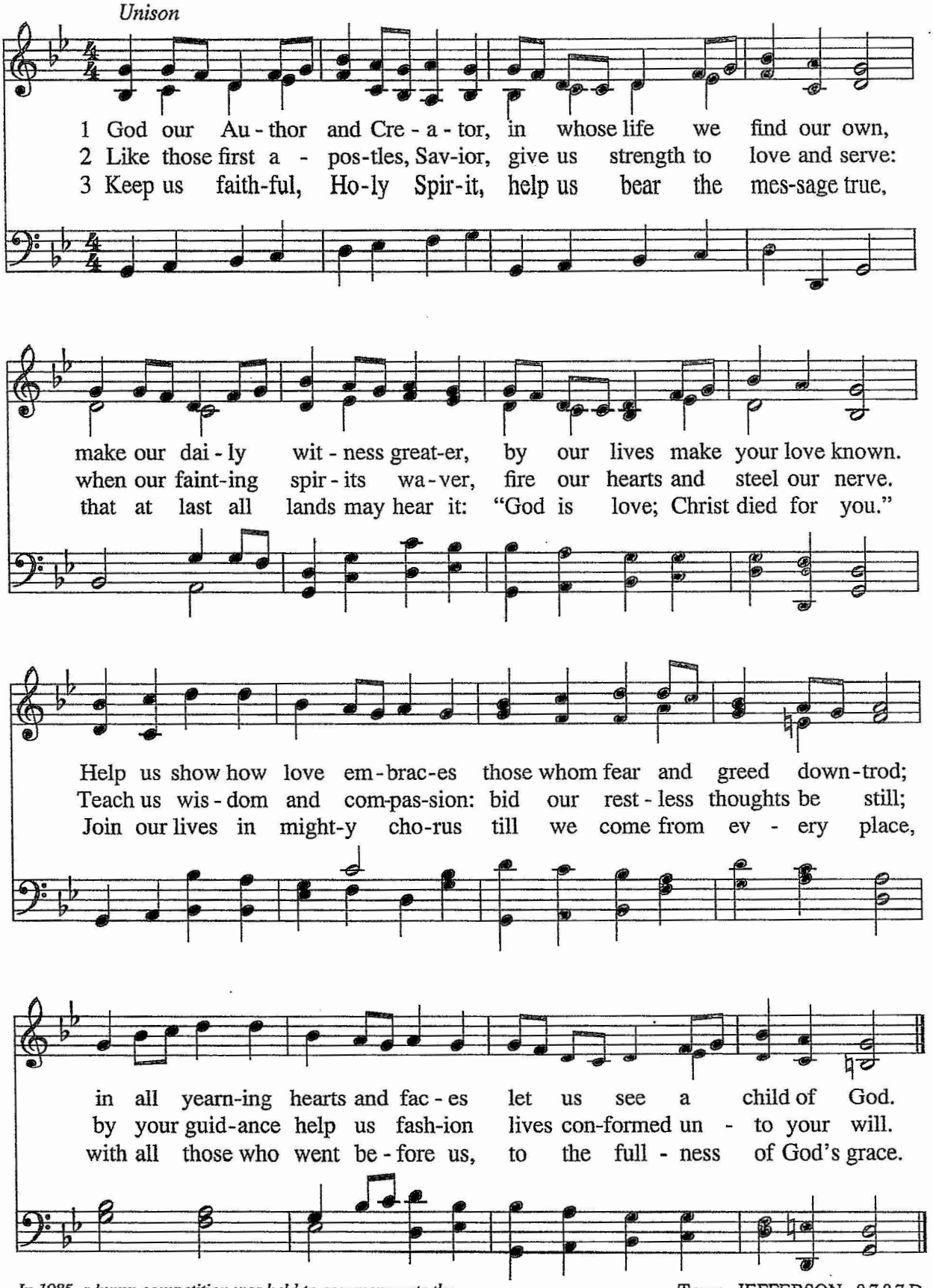
1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,
make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint-ing spir - its wa - ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."
Help us show how love em - brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,
in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

In 1985, a hymn competition was held to commemorate the centennial of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This winning text by Carl P. Daw, Jr., fulfilled the guideline that the hymn address mission in the context of daily life.

Tune: JEFFERSON 8.7.8.7.D.
Southern Harmony, *1835*
Harm. John Ferguson, 1973

Somos pueblo que camina

(We Are People on a Journey)

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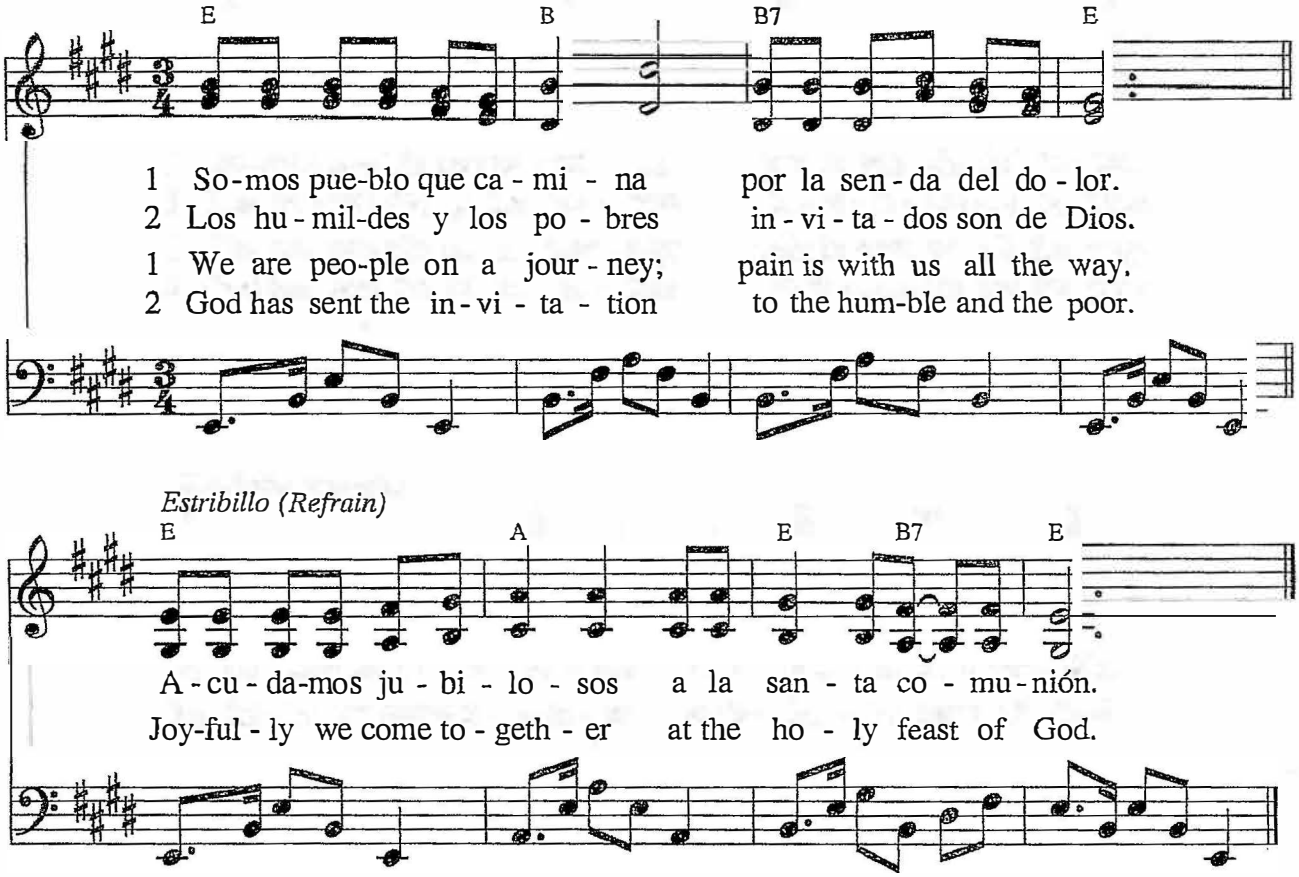
"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century; alt.
English version, Carolyn Jennings, 1993

John 6:32–35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1 So-mos pue-blo que ca-mi-na por la sen-da del do-lor.
2 Los hu-mil-des y los po-bres in-vi-ta-dos son de Dios.
1 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney; pain is with us all the way.
2 God has sent the in-vi-ta-tion to the hum-ble and the poor.
Estribillo (Refrain)
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A-cu-da-mos ju-bi-lo-sos a la san-ta co-mu-nión.
Joy-ful-ly we come to-geth-er at the ho-ly feast of God.

3 Es-te pan que Dios nos brin-da
a-li-men-ta nues-tra u-nión. *(Estribillo)*

4 Cris-to a-quí se ha-ce pre-sen-te;
al reu-nir-nos es su a-mor. *(Estribillo)*

5 Los se-dien-tos de jus-ti-cia
bus-can su li-be-ra-ción. *(Estribillo)*

3 This is bread that God pro-vides us,
nour-ish-ing our u-ni-ty. *(Refrain)*

4 Christ is ev-er pres-ent with us
to u-nite us all in love. *(Refrain)*

5 All who tru-ly thirst for jus-tice
seek their lib-er-a-tion here. *(Refrain)*

The "Misa Popular Nicaragüense," in which this hymn appeared, was composed for the Eucharist liturgy by members of the "comunidades de base"—a group of laypersons who organized to deal with issues in the Latin American church and community.

Tune: SOMOS PUEBLO 8.7. with refrain (8.7.)
"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century